

FRIDAY BULLETIN

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KENAI COMMUNITY LIBRARY CELEBRATES 60 YEARS

Thanks to Mary Jo Joiner for letting us know about news coverage of the Kenai Community Library's 60th anniversary. The story appeared in the September 25, 2009 issue of the *Peninsula Clarion* and is titled *Library celebrates 60 years*. Read the full story at http://www.peninsulaclarion.com/stories/092509/new_496969490.shtml.

Congratulations to Kenai as they celebrate the past and prepare for an expansion to double the size of their library.

ASK TARA HOW SHE GOT THIS ONE!

The Alaska State Council on the Arts (ASCA) reports in their September/October 2009 newsletter that Petersburg Public Library received a grant for \$1,517 for in the community arts development category of awards. If you see Tara Alcock, director at Petersburg, take a moment and ask her what the grant project involves. Congrats to Tara! (Thanks to Patience Frederiksen for this item)

REPRESENTATIVE YOUNG ON TWITTER

According to the Anchorage Daily News, US Representative Don Young recently started a Twitter account at <http://twitter.com/repdonyoung>. If you are aware of an Alaska elected official, state agency or an Alaska-based library, archives or museum with a Twitter or other social media presence, please let us know.

AK HIGHWAY SAFETY ON TWITTER

If you or your patrons drive Alaska's highways and use Twitter, you might want to subscribe to the Alaska Highway Safety Office's Twitter feed at <http://twitter.com/akhwysfty>. The feed currently provides periodic updates of Alaska traffic fatalities and highway safety tips.

AHFC ON TWITTER AND FACEBOOK

The Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) is another Alaska state agency that has opened a Twitter account. You can find their Twitter feed at <http://twitter.com/alaskahousing>. Their feed consists of housing and energy news from around the country. AHFC also has a Facebook fan page at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Anchorage-AK/Alaska-Housing-Finance-Corporation/86724518889>. The page currently has 38 fans.

FREE WEBINARS FOR OCTOBER

We think most of the free webinars below will be of interest to archives and museums as well as libraries:

October 15 (10-11 am) [Alaska Time]

Stretch Your Large Print Budget with Smart Collection Development: Best Practices from the Pros (Library Journal Webinar) Every library has its own philosophy and policies governing collection development and management. One important part of the library's service to its community is the large print collection which many patrons depend on for both entertainment and information. Recognizing that there is as much art as there is science in the selection process, there are guidelines and best practices that can help maximize the dollars in your large print book budget and promote circulation of these materials. For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://www.libraryjournal.com/webcasts/48747/Webcasts.html>

October 20 (10-11 am) [Alaska Time]

Doing More with Less: "Training Up" in Tough Economic Times (Library Journal Webinar) A group of training experts will discuss how 'training up' library staff can help stretch and boost the level of technological customer service your library can offer to patrons, and to the library itself. The webcast will also cover Web 2.0 tools and applications that make training sessions, documents and support readily accessible and available on-demand, 24/7. From academe, we'll hear how one library school program is preparing its students for high touch high tech careers in our public, school, special and academic libraries. For more information and to register for this program, visit: <http://www.libraryjournal.com/webcasts/48747/Webcasts.html>

October 21 (10-11 am) [Alaska Time]

Natural Disaster Preparedness and Response (WebJunction Webinar) As hurricane season approaches, libraries are looking for ways to be better prepared for disaster response and recovery. Join guest presenter Joe Ryan, manager of a new project that identifies and collects key service roles, best practices, tools and resources to make better use of public libraries for hurricane and disaster preparation and recovery. The Florida-based project helps libraries reprioritize disaster and recovery efforts to address the needs of the broader community through partnerships with fellow responders (emergency management, local government and other agencies) and to become a safe haven, a recovery center, information hub and evacuee resource. Come learn how this project can inform your library's disaster preparedness plan and how your library can play an important role in community preparedness and recovery. For more information and to register for this program, visit:

<http://evanced.info/webjunction/evanced/eventcalendar.asp>

October 28 (11-12 pm) [Alaska Time]

Genetics Home Reference and My Family Health History (National Library of Medicine) Genetics Home Reference and My Family Health History. The National Network of Libraries of Medicine, MidContinental Region is presenting a new series of online classes. Once a month in 2009, liaisons will present information and exercises on various databases from the National Library of Medicine in an hour-long web conference. All classes are free and no registration is required. You will simply need 1) a computer with Internet access and 2) a phone (the system will call you - free of charge). To join the webinar, go to: <https://webmeeting.nih.gov/mcrupdate/> on the day of the program.

October 30 (8-9 am) [Alaska Time]

Developing a Training Plan for Change (BCR) Do you have a major change on the horizon for your staff such as a new software product, staff reorganization or workflow change? There are many things to consider when preparing your staff for these kinds of critical transitions. This Free Friday Forum will review the formal aspects of training development and consider ways to adapt them to your needs. Topics include developing goals and objectives, adult learning theory, assessment and skills review. For more information and to register for this program, visit

<http://www.bcr.org/training/schedule/programdetail.php?programid=409>

CONSERVATION ONLINE (COOL) UPDATE

Conservation Online (CoOL), a site of interest to libraries, archives and museums has moved to a new home at <http://cool.conservation-us.org/>. According to *Library Preservation* blogger Kevin Driedger, the Cons DistList and the list's archives are back in operation.

REPORT ON ALTERNATIVE MODELS FOR PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARIES

This week the National Archives and Records Administration released an 87 page report examining five alternatives to the current model of Presidential libraries. The report is titled *Report On Alternative Models For Presidential Libraries Issued In Response To The Requirements Of Pl 110-404* and can be read at <http://www.archives.gov/presidential-libraries/reports/report-for-congress.pdf>.

LEARN JOB SKILLS ON THE WEB

An article in the September 2009 issue of *Searcher* magazine titled *Learn job skills on the web* has a great set of free web-based resources that are of likely interest to patrons and staff of cultural institutions. The article divides resources into these categories:

- Typing and Ten Key Tutorials
- Microsoft Word Tutorials
- Microsoft Excel Tutorials
- Microsoft Outlook Tutorials
- Learn Spanish
- Learn English
- Writing Tips
- Telephone Etiquette
- Job Skill Resources for Spanish Speakers

Anyone in Alaska should be able to read the article at <http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=tfh&AN=44277966&site=ehost-live>. If you are asked for an id and password, please call 1-800-440-2919.

MUSIC DOWNLOADS = FUTURE PROBLEMS?

Music librarian D. J. Hoek muses about a near term future where music CDs have been replaced by music downloads. Licensing restrictions unique to music downloads may make it impossible for libraries to serve music students or preserve America's musical culture. Mr. Hoek's article appears in the Aug/Sep 2009 issue of *American Libraries* on page 54.

Anyone in Alaska should be able to read the full article by visiting <http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=aph&AN=44132178&site=ehost-live>. If you are asked for an id and password, please call 1-800-440-2919.

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